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SUBJ: CAIRO RIOTS PETERING OUT

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1. WE UNDERSTAND FROM HIGH SOURCES IN PRESIDENCY AND MININT THAT LOCAL AUTHORITIES BELIEVE RIOTERS HAVE RUN OUT OF STEAM AND BEGUN TO DISPERSE. AREA NEAR EMBASSY FROM TAHRIR SQUARE TO SULAYMAN PASHA SQUARE, WHICH HAD BEEN EARLY FOCAL POINT, IS NOW QUIET, AS IS AREA IN FRONT OF AKHBAR AL-YAWM. POLICE HAVE CORDONED OFF 26 JULY STREET FROM BRIDGE TO DOWNTOWN AREA TO PREVENT CONVERGENCE OF DISPARATE GROUPS. ONLY LARGE CONCENTRATION OF DEMONSTRATORS WE ARE AWARE OF IS LIMITED TO ZAMALEK SIDE OF THAT BRIDGE ON WHICH POLICE HAVE STREWN PATTERS OF GLASS.

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2. HIGH PRESIDENCY SOURCE TELLS US AMERICAN TOURISTS ARE NOW

IN NO DANGER ON THE STREETS AND SHOULD GO ON ABOUT
THEIR BUSINESS, PROVIDED "THEY USE GOOD SENSE."

3. DIRECTOR OF DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE MGEN NASSAR TOLD
DATT THAT DEMONSTRATORS HAD NUMBERED 800-900 IN DOWNTOWN AREA,
AND THAT CAUSE WAS RELATED TO WAGE AND INFLATION ISSUES. LATEST
REPORTS INDICATE DEMONSTRATORS IN ZAMALEK AREA HAVE ALSO
DISPERSED. REPORTEDLY, POLICE HAVE MADE SOME 60-70
ARRESTS AND MORE ARRESTS ARE EXPECTED TONIGHT.
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